

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

For instance, as seen in FIG. 7, a first SCU 160, implanted beneath the skin of the patient 208, provides a first medication or substance; a second SCU 160' provides a second medication or substance; and a third SCU 160" provides electrical stimulation via electrodes 172 and 172'. As mentioned earlier, the implanted devices may operate independently or may operate in a coordinated manner with other similar implanted devices, other implanted devices, or other devices external to the patient's body, as shown by the control lines 262, 263 and 264 in FIG. 7. That is, in accordance with one embodiment of the invention, the external controller 250 controls the operation of each of the implanted devices 160, 160' and 160". According to another embodiment of the invention, an implanted device, e.g. SCU 160, may control or operate under the control of another implanted device(s), e.g. SCU 160' and/or SCU 160". That is, a device made in accordance with the invention may communicate with other implanted stimulators, other implanted devices, and/or devices external to a patient's body, e.g., via an RF link, an ultrasonic link, or an optical link. Specifically, as illustrated in [[FIG. 9]] FIG. 7, SCU 160, 160', and/or 160", made in accordance with the invention, may communicate with an external remote control (e.g., patient and/or physician programmer 250) that is capable of sending commands and/or data to implanted devices and that is capable of receiving commands and/or data from implanted devices.